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NSC chief to shuffle staff, name 3

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John Poindexter, the president's national security adviser, is expected today to announce the appointment of three new deputy assistants in a move to reorganize the senior National Security Council staff.

The personnel changes, according to a senior official, are Mr. Poindexter's attempt to put his own people in the top spots at the NSC.

In the seven weeks Mr. Poindexter has headed the White House agency, he has been working with the staff he inherited from former NSC director Robert C. McFarlane.

The new senior deputies are:

- Peter W. Rodman, a long-time aide of Dr. Henry A. Kissinger and now director of Policy Planning at the State Department, to take charge

of policy planning at the NSC.

- Ron Lehman, former arms control aide to Ambassador John H. Tower at Geneva, to head the arms control group at the NSC.

- Rodney McDaniel, a retired Navy captain and former aide to CIA Director Stansfield Turner, to take charge of the intelligence branch on Mr. Poindexter's staff.

Mr. Poindexter plans to retain his job for the remainder of President Reagan's term, according to an aide.

Rumors that Mr. Poindexter, a vice admiral, was preparing to return to active Navy duty in the next six months are false, the aide said.

The National Security Council is the small organization of experts from the military, the State Department, the CIA and outside the government that acts as the president's in-house advisory and coordinating group on all aspects of national security affairs.

One of the primary functions of the NSC is to reconcile and refine intelligence information and policy recommendations generated by the often-conflicting Cabinet agencies.

Donald Fortier will remain as deputy to Mr. Poindexter.

Mr. Rodman, a native of Boston and a Harvard graduate, served on the NSC staff from 1969 to 1977, acting as Henry Kissinger's special assistant in a period when Mr. Kissinger was first national security adviser and then Secretary of State.

When the Carter administration took over the White House, Mr. Rodman joined Mr. Kissinger at the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies. He served there for six years, helping Mr. Kissinger write his books and doing some writing of his own.

In 1983, Secretary of State George P. Shultz brought Mr. Rodman back to the State Department

first as a member of the policy planning staff and a year later as its director.

Mr. Lehman already is on duty as the arms control expert at NSC but will receive a loftier title under the reorganization. Mr. McDaniel recently joined the NSC staff and will receive the promotion to deputy assistant director.

The turnover is fairly rapid at the NSC, in part because Mr. Reagan has had four national security advisers in his five years in office. Richard V. Allen resigned in 1981 and was replaced by the president's old friend from California, William P. Clark. Mr. Clark resigned to become interior secretary and was replaced by his deputy, Mr. McFarlane, a former Marine lieutenant colonel. Mr. Poindexter moved up from the deputy spot when Mr. McFarlane resigned last month.